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(3) One hundred and twenty-five free licences to fish in the Corangi Bay which is replete with window-pane oyster beds containing pearls of inferior quality have been granted to fishermen.

(4) There are eight fishermen co-operative societies in Kakinada taluk with one multipurpose co-operative society functioning at Kakinada. Yarn depots have been opened at Kakinada and yarn and sail cloth are being distributed to fishermen at subsidized rates.

"The Society at Kakinada has also been granted the lease for collection of shells in Corangi Bay and also permitted to cut timber in the forests at Corangi Mada and Kundiguppa and use the bark of trees for dyeing nets.

"Every possible effort for the amelioration and uplift of the fishermen in Kakinada taluk is being taken."

Harijan Rural Welfare Officers.

* 700 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state the number of Harijan Rural Welfare Officers in the State?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" One."

Power-supply to certain villages in Kurumbranad taluk.

* 701 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the public that the Pykara Electricity should be supplied to the following industrial and agricultural centres in Kurumbranad taluk, viz., Quilandy, Balussery, Naduvanur, Perambra, Meppayyur and Payyoli;

(*b*) how many requests the Government have got from the Balussery Panchayat Board that Pykara Electricity should be extended to the Board's area;

(*c*) whether the Government have investigated about generating electricity from a waterfall at 'Nurumutty' also known as 'Urakkuzhi' in Malabar at Kayanna amsam in Kurumbranad taluk; and

(*d*) what is the result of the investigation?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Representations were received from the Kurumbranad Taluk Congress Committee for extension of supply of electricity for industrial and other purposes in the taluk.

"(*b*) It cannot be stated definitely how many requests were made by the Balussery Panchayat Board. The panchayat board made representations in June 1952 for extension of supply of electricity to its area.